

# A FASCINATING STORY BY 12 NEW YORK GIRL TOILERS

## TRIED BY TEMPTATION OR THE TRIUMPH OF A YOUNG GIRL'S TRUE HEART.

# GIRL AERONAUT'S THRILLING TIME.

Miss Gaylor Tells of Her Adventure While Up in a Balloon 3,000 Feet Above the Earth.



HELEN D. GAYLOR

Following is the story of Miss Helen D. Gaylor, the aeronaut, who had a narrow escape while making a balloon ascension and parachute leap at Union Hill Park, N. J. Dictated to The Evening World by Miss Helen D. Gaylor.

I have been making balloon ascensions and parachute leaps for ten years. Five times I have been compelled to ride the balloon when I could not cut away. On those occasions I had to ride the balloon to the ground and then cut my way to safety.

The balloon filled very neatly. I left the ground slowly and thought everything was all right, but I suppose that in leaving the ground the cut-off block got turned. There I was, in that block and it got upside down, therefore I could not cut away. I found this out when I was about 200 feet above the ground.

After I had reached an altitude of about three thousand feet I started to cut loose. The harder I pulled on the cut-off rope, the tighter it got. I had sawed two strands of the rope, but could cut no further. So I was compelled to ride the balloon down.

We were out over the Hackensack Meadows and I realized that I had to drop into the water. I was a little bit frightened, because I cannot swim. I tried to hold the rope under the parachute. My life preserver was not fastened around me.

I had been lying under the parachute some minutes when I succeeded in getting from under it. I tried hard to keep my head above water. I had been in the water about twenty minutes before assistance came. I had pulled myself to the mouth of the balloon from under the parachute.

If I had landed all right—that is, if I had been successful in cutting away from the balloon—I would have been in greater danger, because the parachute would not have held me up as well as the balloon did.

My teacher was Owen Smith. He came in a rowboat up the creek and he pulled me and the parachute out of the water. I was pretty much exhausted. If it had been a little bit longer I could not have held on.

While I was in the air I was talking to myself, always talking to myself while in danger. This is what I said to myself, but in a loud voice:

West Helen, this rope is too strong for you to cut and you are unable to turn the block over. Therefore you are going out over the Hackensack marshes. Now you want to leave your life in the flood Man's hands. If this is your time to go, well and good. If not you will land all right and be brought back to terra firma, maybe a little the worse for your experience but still in the land of the living.

I shall make another ascension next Sunday if I have the weather.

# NET WAIST GIRL SHOCKS MODESTY OF ST. LOUIS.

Some of the Exhibitions in Public There Are Declared to Be Vulgar and "Conspicuously Indecent."

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—The Net Waist Girl has invaded the West to such a degree that she has already distracted this city and caused her to be a live issue to clubs and among the clergy.

A Bismarck minister has declared the diaphanous yoke and the open-work sleeve improper and has warned the women of his congregation not to wear them. The church has given the question a new impetus here.

The net-waist girl is she who constructs the yoke of gimpes of her frock out of the finest, most transparent fabric obtainable and wears it where-ever she goes. Naturally, she attracts attention and criticism from men and women alike, but there is great diversity of opinion regarding her.

"The net waist is vulgar," says some. "Nonsense," say others. "It only appeals to comfort." There seems to be no middle ground here.

Miss Martha Davis Griffith, the club leader, teacher of classics, lecturer and writer, said:

"Why, bless my soul, how wonderfully correct the world is growing! A girl now can't be comfortable without being vulgar."

"What's cool and comfortable and in good taste should not be condemned. I think, however, the net waist has its places, and that the street is not one of them. It is all right at home at an informal evening party, or some other informal summer entertainment. But I think the girl who wears the net waist in the market or the department store is decidedly giving herself away. No refined woman is likely to do such a thing."

Mrs. George J. Frankel, of the W. C. T. U., said: "I do not approve of such dress for girls. If these fads were founded in a desire for comfort they might be excused, but I am inclined to believe that they are not."

The Rev. J. W. Cunningham said: "On the street, at market or while shopping, I think the net-waist girl as much out of place as one dressed for a grand ball. The net-waist girl in public places does not care, but she is not vulgar."

Miss Cornelia M. Culbertson, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said: "To my mind there is no comparison between the shirt-waist man and the net-waist girl. The former is a very sensible fellow, the latter a vulgar advertisement."

"The net-waist girl is in most instances positively indecent. When I speak of the net-waist girl I do not refer to those who wear yokes made with a view to comfort and with due regard for modesty, but to those girls who wear the net so as to attract undue attention from strangers."

"I was at the window a few days ago and walked through the midway I saw a young and apparently innocent woman with one of these net waists on that was positively shocking. Naturally she was the exposure of all eyes, and I could not help feeling a certain amount of disgust for her as a person of good character."

forehead and another over one ear, while one eye was swollen shut and the other badly discolored.

Mr. Balch did not gain consciousness for some time, and then was unable to give many facts. He would assure the reporters that he was all right.

The strangest thing about it was that not even his wife in the berth opposite him was aware of anything.

The porter, who was asleep in the smoking apartment, heard no unusual sound, and Conductor Sturges, who discovered the train at about 1:45 A. M. and who went through the train soon afterward, noticed nothing unusual. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Amoretti, of this city, were also relieved of a small sum. They were not awakened by the robbery.

The railway people believe the robbers followed Balch from Chicago, where he was calling upon bankers yesterday.

**STATESMAN MOBBED.**

Dr. Clark Denounced as Traitor, and Only Saved by a Plucky Man with a Revolver.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—In the text of the correspondence seized at Pretoria, made public by the Colonial Office to-day, was a letter from Dr. Gavin Brown Clark, Radical Member for Calcutta and for-

# THE SURPRISE STORE

132 134 136 138 140 142 144 146  
WESTFOURTEENTH STREET  
BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES

Surprise Special Sale No. 49,  
FOR WEEK ENDING NEXT FRIDAY.  
Thousands of Pairs Boys'  
All-Wool Cassimere  
and Cheviot Knee-Pants.

All seams taped, riveted buttons, the hard-to-wear-out kind.

## 25c

Figured designs, also plain black and blue—to be compared with the usual 75c kind.

**MEN'S SUITS FOR AUTUMN.**  
New goods in middle-weights, suitable for all-year-round wear.

\$3	\$5	\$7.50	\$10
Compare with usual \$6.50 Suits	Compare with usual \$8 Suits	Compare with usual \$10 Suits	Compare with usual \$12 Suits

**DRESS-WEAR TROUSERS.**  
Designs appropriate for use with any coat and vest.

\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4
Compare with usual \$1.50 kind	Compare with usual \$2 kind	Compare with usual \$3 kind	Compare with usual \$4 kind

**DERBY AND ALPINE HATS.**  
The right shapes and colors for wear this fall.

75c.	95c.	\$1.45	\$2.45
Compare with usual \$1.00 Hats	Compare with usual \$1.50 Hats	Compare with usual \$2.00 Hats	Compare with usual \$3.00 Hats

Fast Black Hosiery..... 4c  
Boys' Fast Black Stockings..... 10c  
Fairbairn Underwear..... 15c  
Cassimere Knee-Pants Suits..... 75c  
Four-Ply Collars..... 5c  
Children's Tan of Shirts..... 15c  
Percale Negligee Shirts..... 15c  
Young Men's Cheviot Suits..... 2.50

Money back instantly on request. Free repairs of clothing for one year.  
FLYER for two days only. To-morrow and Monday—SUSPENDERS—They win in the stretch.  
OPEN SATURDAYS UNTIL 10 P. M.  
OTHER DAYS UNTIL 6.30 P. M.

# THE SURPRISE STORE

132 to 146 West 14th St. Bet. 6th and 7th Aves.

If you will buy three  
**Old Virginia Cheroots**  
and smoke them to-day you will get the greatest amount of comfort and satisfaction that 5 cents will buy in a smoke, and get it three times over! You haven't any idea how good they are and cannot have until you try them. Try three to-day instead of a 5c. cigar.

Three hundred million Old Virginia Cheroots smoked this year. Ask your own dealer. Price, 3 for 5 cents.

**For Sale**  
LADIES AND GENTS' CLOTHING  
ON CREDIT.  
1114 32nd Ave. 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Sts. 10th Floor.

**For Sale**  
FURNITURE, \$200 WORTH  
\$1 DOWN AND \$1 WEEKLY.  
PRICES THE LOWEST.  
LEWIS, 48 WEST 14TH ST.  
227 WEST 128TH ST.

**Eye Glasses Free**  
THIS WEEK our optician will examine your eyes and give you a pair of eye glasses for free. If you do not want them, you may return them for a full refund of the examination fee. It's a real eye test. It's a real eye test. It's a real eye test.

**CREDIT.**  
MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING ON EASY PAYMENTS.  
FALK'S  
431 Eighth Av., Between 31st and 32nd Sts.  
OPEN SATURDAY AND MONDAY EVENINGS

**Patents.**  
HURT PATENTING procuring patents. Rates reasonable. 1000 Ave. 42nd St. 10th Floor. STEPHENS & CO., 142 West 42nd.

**Divorces.**  
PATENTING—Advise free. Send for free book. (Include) EDWARD TATE & CO., 245 Broadway, New York.

# All Political Questions

can be intelligently discussed by referring to The World Almanac. Its election returns are official and complete.

... 100 World Almanac and Encyclopedia, handsomely bound ... cover in colors ... sewed back ... over 600 pages. By mail, postage paid, 25c ... or may be had from all newsdealers

# TO-DAY'S CHAPTER OF THIS STORY WAS WRITTEN BY



MISS MAY ASHMORE.  
A bright and popular young woman employed in the National Biscuit Company's Factory.

(Copyright, 1900, by The Press Publishing Company, New York World.)

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTER.  
Elsie Mayburn and Gladys Rogers, two young girls from the village of Margareville, N. Y., come to New York to obtain work. Elsie's life

**CHAPTER V.**  
**Elsie Pays Her Debt.**

PAULA COMINSKY was not ten feet away from Palmer when she died. Her face was white with (faint) fury. Her eyes were ablaze.

In her distorted brain she believed she was doing a heroic and holy act in ridding the earth of a tyrant.

She knew she might thus lose her own life, but was prepared to die a martyr's death.

In her mind she already saw her name blazoned down to history along with those of Deborah, Jael, Charlotte Corday and other people who have slain the oppressors of their people.

She leveled the pistol at Van Cortlandt Palmer's head.

A blinding flash, a report that rang through the low-ceiled room, a puff of noxious white smoke.

Elsie Mayburn had shrunk back at Palmer's entrance and had unconsciously found herself at Paula's side.

As the pistol was leveled she sprang forward with a cry.

Seizing Paula's arm, she wrenched the weapon from her grasp, just as the strike leader pulled the trigger.

The shot rang out.

A chorus of screams arose, and mingled with them came the groan of a strong man in agony.

"Mowbray!" cried Palmer, whirling quickly and facing Palmer, fearing she had been too late and that the bullet had sped on its mission of death to his head.

But Van Cortlandt Palmer stood unharmed.

"Thank God!" murmured the girl under her breath.

Her prayer of thanks changed to a cry of fear for even at that instant Gerard, the foreman, who had been leaning unnoticed against the door,

**THE TWELVE GIRLS**  
Who Wrote This Story for The Evening World.

LENA E. ROTHSCILD,  
Hilton Company's Cigar Factory.

MAY HANNY,  
Singer Bros. Shirt Waist Factory.

HATTIE LOPEZ,  
Adams Bros. & Co.'s Chewing Gum Factory.

THERESA BRANCATI,  
Kirsch Brothers, Ladies' Wrapper Factory.

LIZZIE CUMISKY,  
Dessert's Restaurant.

JULIA WHITE,  
The Chevre, Ice Mills.

LENA MEYERS,  
Star Shirt Company's Factory.

MAY ASHMORE,  
National Biscuit Co.'s Factory.

LAURA CROSBY,  
Gair Bros. Factory.

AGNES FINCH,  
The Hanes Blue Factory.

MARIE HILL,  
L. Haddock & Co.'s Hat Factory.

NORA DOYLE,  
Tausig & Co.'s Children's Dress Factory.



"Gerard pitched forward on his face."

pitched forward on his face.

From his shoulder a tiny red stream that spread and darkened as it reached the dusty floor.

"Mowbray!" cried Palmer, springing forward and kneeling at the wounded man's side. "Are you hurt?"

The bullet aimed at you hit me," gasped the foreman, faintly. "It is better for me. Don't blame yourself, please," as Palmer broke out in a storm of self-reproach.

"It is all my fault," sobbed Elsie Mayburn, kneeling at the other side of the foreman, and lifting his head in her arms. "It is my fault, I turned the pistol from Mr. Ashmore's hand, and doing so I have killed you. May God forgive me."

Palmer bathed the pale forehead. In the ghastly checks.

Gerard opened his eyes.

"Mr. Palmer," he whispered hoarsely. "Yes, my poor fellow. What can I do for you?"

You can do me a great favor," gasped the foreman, faintly. "If it is better for me, don't blame yourself, please," as Palmer broke out in a storm of self-reproach.

"It is all my fault," sobbed Elsie Mayburn, kneeling at the other side of the foreman, and lifting his head in her arms. "It is my fault, I turned the pistol from Mr. Ashmore's hand, and doing so I have killed you. May God forgive me."

# OMAHA LOSES 37,897 PEOPLE.

Census Officials Declare the Returns Made Years Ago Were Padded.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The population of Omaha, which was made public yesterday by the Census Office, shows a decrease of 37,897 from the figures of 1890. The population, according to the present census, is 122,555. In 1890 the figures were 160,452. The decrease is 37.9 per cent.

This is the first city that has shown a decrease of population under the present census.

When Director Merriam, of the census, was asked about the matter he refused to discuss it, but in other official circles the assertion was made that the rolls ten years ago were padded, old hotel registers and other devices being utilized in swelling the population of the city.

English Is for McKinley.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 24.—Ex-Congressman W. E. English, son of the late W. H. English, Democratic candidate for Vice-President in 1896, has written that he will vote for McKinley. He served on Gen. Wheeler's staff at Santiago. He is reputed the wealthiest resident of this city.

# LABOR NEWS.

The possibility of a strike in the clothing industry in this city is rather slim just now. The United Brotherhood of "Crankmakers" is doing all in its power to settle the question of wages and hours of work with the manufacturers, and up to date over 4000 members are sure to encounter no difficulty with employers. The Brotherhood expects to have every contractor sign the agreement within the next two weeks.

General Secretary John B. Lennon, of the Journeymen Tailors' Union, has issued a circular stating that the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has ordered "the garment workers' National unions to hold a conference and adjust the question of jurisdiction, the use of force and other matters as may be of interest to all the unions concerned. This action was taken when the Custom Clothing Makers' Union applied for a charter from the Federation."

President Compters, of the A. F. of L., has been ordered by the Executive Council to ask the officers of the International Typographical Union and the International Association of Molders to appoint committees to adjust the controversy as to which organization shall exercise control over the typographic machine tenders. The conference is asked to be held before Oct. 10.

That the Eccentric Association No. 1 of Stationery Engineers is determined to secure a charter from the A. F. of L. is shown by the action it has taken in asking the I. T. U. to endorse its petition. The Eccentric Association was refused the charter on the ground that the United Standard Engineers already held one in this city.

The proposed line of march for the Labor Day parade of the Building Trades Council of Hudson County has been shortened so as to make it convenient for the organizations in the upper part of the county which intend to take part in the Labor Day Committee of the County.

# BOLD ROBBER IN SLEEPING CAR.

Edward E. Balch Assaulted and Robbed of \$150 as He Slept.

OMAHA, Aug. 24.—Edward E. Balch, a stationer, member of the Omaha National Bank, was assaulted in his berth on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad near Boone, Ia., early to-day and robbed of \$150, all the money he had on his person. On the arrival of the train in the city he was removed to his home, having relapsed into unconsciousness.

Mr. Balch, accompanied by his wife, left Omaha on Aug. 6 for a tour of the Great Lakes and they were making their way home by easy stages. They stopped over in Chicago yesterday.

As the train was passing Grand Junction, a station west of Boone, Mrs. Balch was awakened by groans in her husband's berth opposite. She drew the curtains and discovered Mr. Balch lying in the berth in a pool of blood and muttering incoherently something about "robbers" and "hold-up."

She aroused other passengers, and investigation disclosed that Mr. Balch's coat had disappeared, and with it pocketbook containing two drafts for \$50 each and \$50 in money. Mr. Balch was bleeding profusely from wounds which all the company's property in Atlantic City.

# AUDITORIUM PIER TROUBLE

Chancellor Pitney Appoints Robert H. Wilson Temporary Chairman of the Company.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 24.—Vice-Chancellor Pitney, on application of Edgar N. Dory and others, has appointed Robert H. Wilson temporary receiver of the Auditorium Pier Company, of Atlantic City.

The petition of the creditors set forth that the company has liabilities amounting to \$44,829, and that the assets are not more than \$3000, including the pier and all the company's property in Atlantic City.